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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

The Old Guard begins their series of tests to determine the strength of the new Spawn's powers. Jim proves that he's quite the force to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, the citywide manhunt for Jim continues, and Detective Rowand questions Jim's motives.

As word of Jim's healing ability travels, his celebrity status increases, and Marc tries to capitalize on it as much as possible. However, a mysterious connection to the Vatican could put an unexpected kink in his plans.

Back in the alleys, Twitch goes searching for Al, only to find an infuriated Jim in his place. They're exchange leads to a standoff, but little does Twitch know what he's in for.

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PULL THE TRIGGER.

I WANT YOU TO
PULL THAT
TRIGGER!

I'LL
GET TO
IT.

BUT, FIRST
I WANT
ANSWERS.

LIKE,
WHERE'S AL?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING
IN HIS COSTUME?
AND WHY'D YOU RUN
FROM THE POLICE AFTER
YOU SAVED THAT
MAN?*

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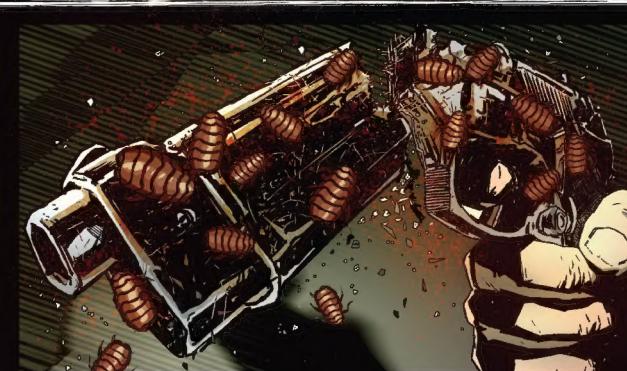
SOMETHING ISN'T
ADDING UP. SO, HELP
ME OUT HERE. FIRST, YOU
SAVE PEOPLE ON NATIONAL
TV-- LETTING EVERYONE SEE
YOUR FACE--THEN YOU TRY
ESCAPING FROM IT? THOSE
AREN'T THE ACTIONS OF
A MAN WITH A CLEAR
CONSCIENCE.

SO WHAT
ARE YOU
HIDING?

AND STOP
WITH THE OOZING
COSTUME TRICK.
I'VE SEEN IT DONE
BEFORE...BY MY
FRIEND, AL.

NOW--
WHERE
IS HE?







SO, I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN. WHY ARE YOU HERE, AND WHO SENT YOU?

NO ONE.

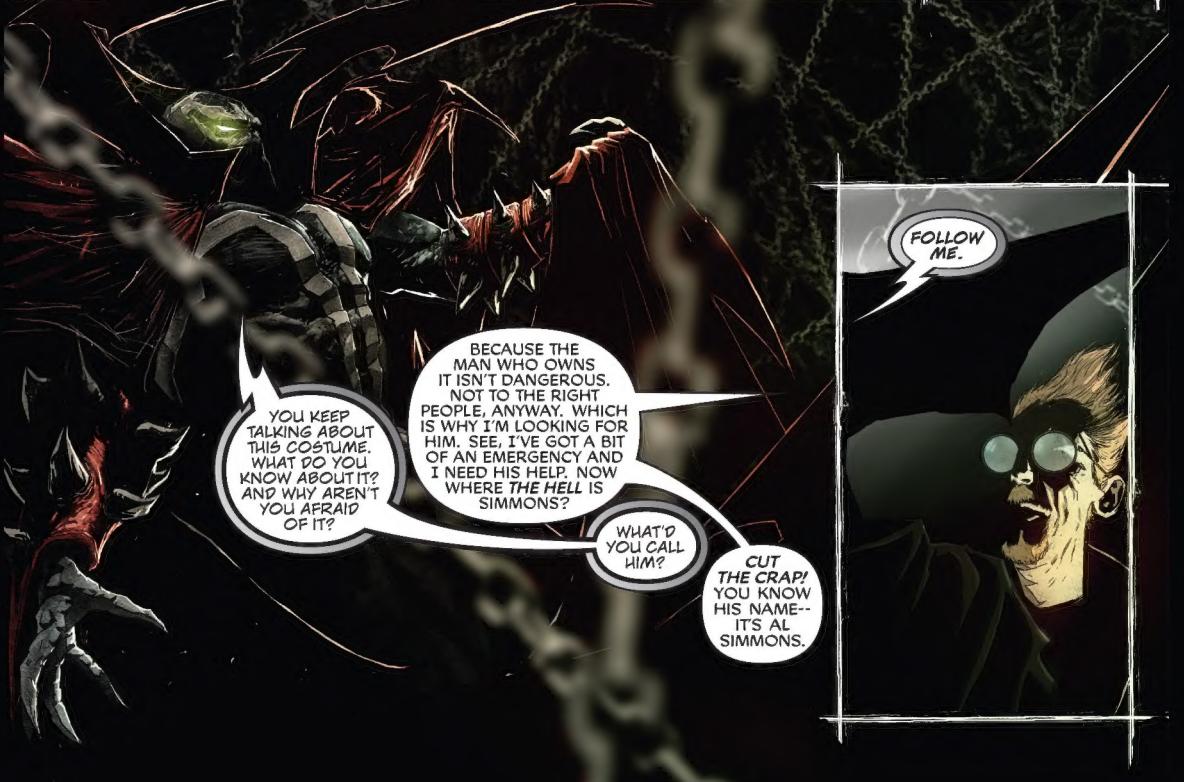


THEN-- HOW'D YOU FIND ME?

I DIDN'T.

I WASN'T LOOKING FOR YOU. I WAS TRYING TO HUNT DOWN ALL THE GUY WHOSE COSTUME YOU'RE WEARING!

BUT YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM?



YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT THIS COSTUME. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT? AND WHY AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF IT?

BECAUSE THE MAN WHO OWNS IT ISN'T DANGEROUS. NOT TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE, ANYWAY. WHICH IS WHY I'M LOOKING FOR HIM. SEE, I'VE GOT A BIT OF AN EMERGENCY AND I NEED HIS HELP. NOW WHERE THE HELL IS SIMMONS?

WHAT'D YOU CALL HIM?

CUT THE CRAP! YOU KNOW HIS NAME-- IT'S AL SIMMONS.

FOLLOW ME.





ANYONE
HERE?

I SAID...
HELLO!

SOMEONE?

I don't like this.

Twitch Williams
CALLING...

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"YOU'VE REACHED DETECTIVE WILLIAMS I'M UNAVAILABLE AT THE MOMENT. IF THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 911. OTHERWISE, LEAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION AND I'LL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

TWITCH,
IT'S
ROWAND.

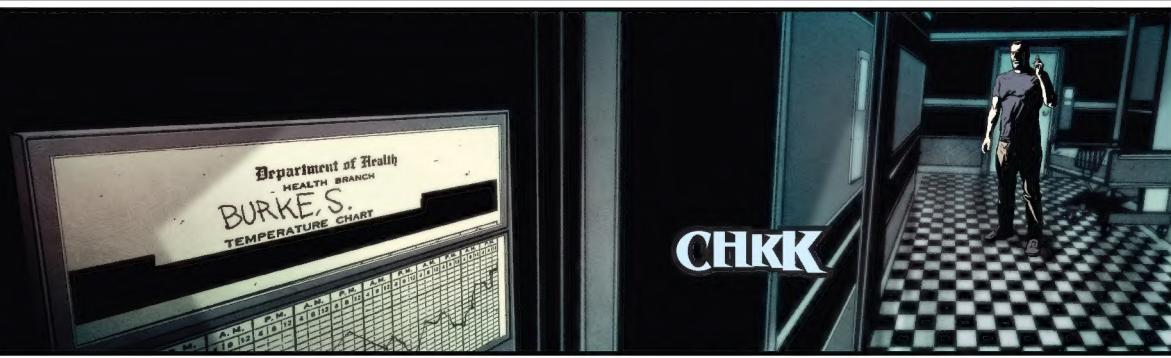
I'M STILL AT
THE HOSPITAL--BUT
SOMETHING SEEMS ODD.
IT'S LIKE A DAMN GHOST
TOWN AROUND HERE.
I KNOW IT'S LATE, BUT
SHOULDN'T SOMEONE BE ON
DUTY? I MEAN, YOU KNOW
THIS PLACE BETTER
THAN I DO.

IS THIS
NORMAL?

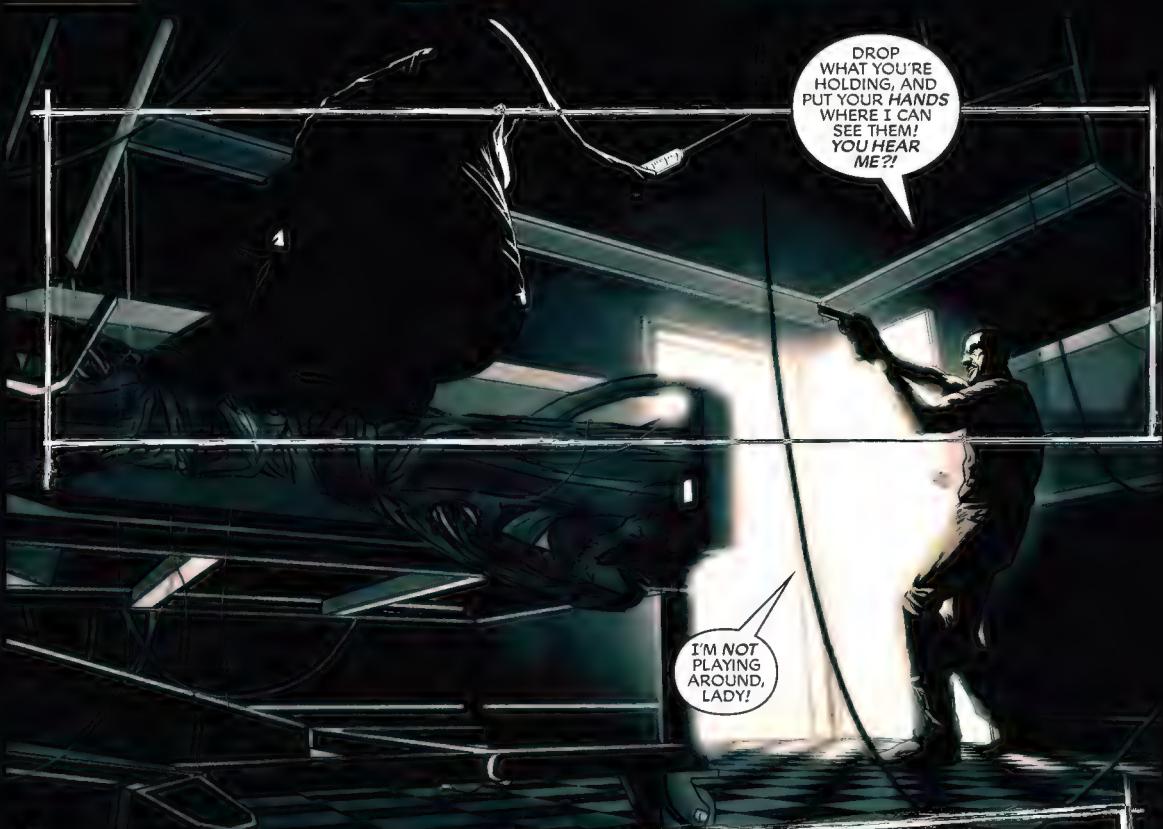
ANYWAY,
I'LL FIND A
DOCTOR THEN
CALL YOU BACK
WITH SAM'S
LATEST
LAB--

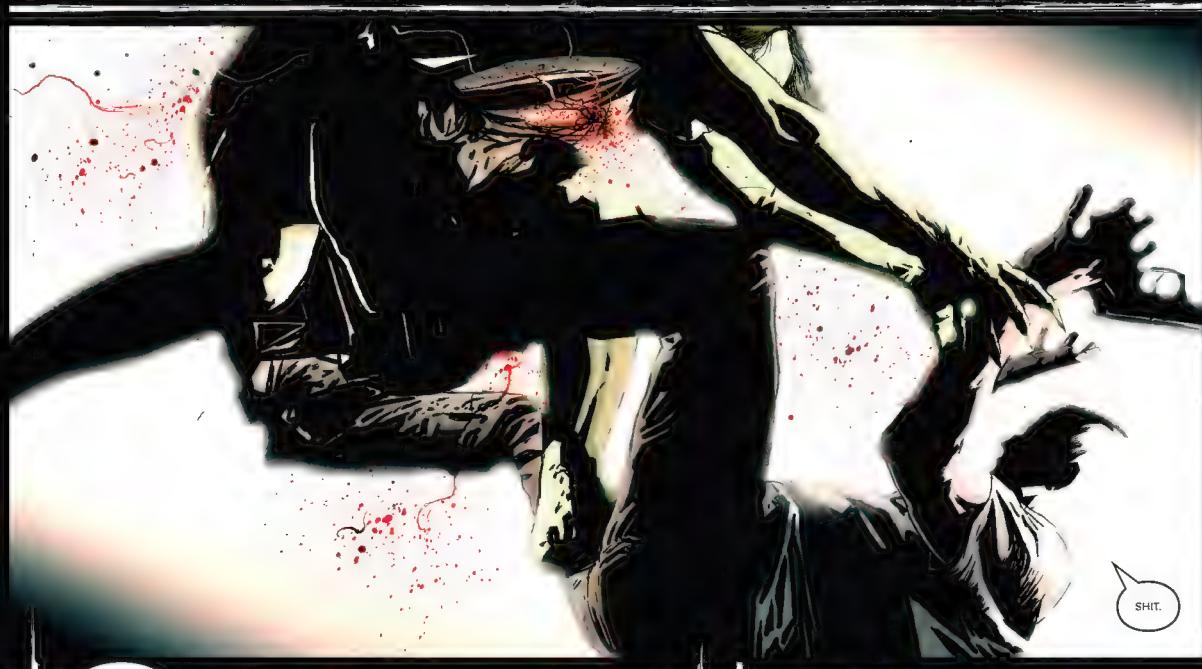


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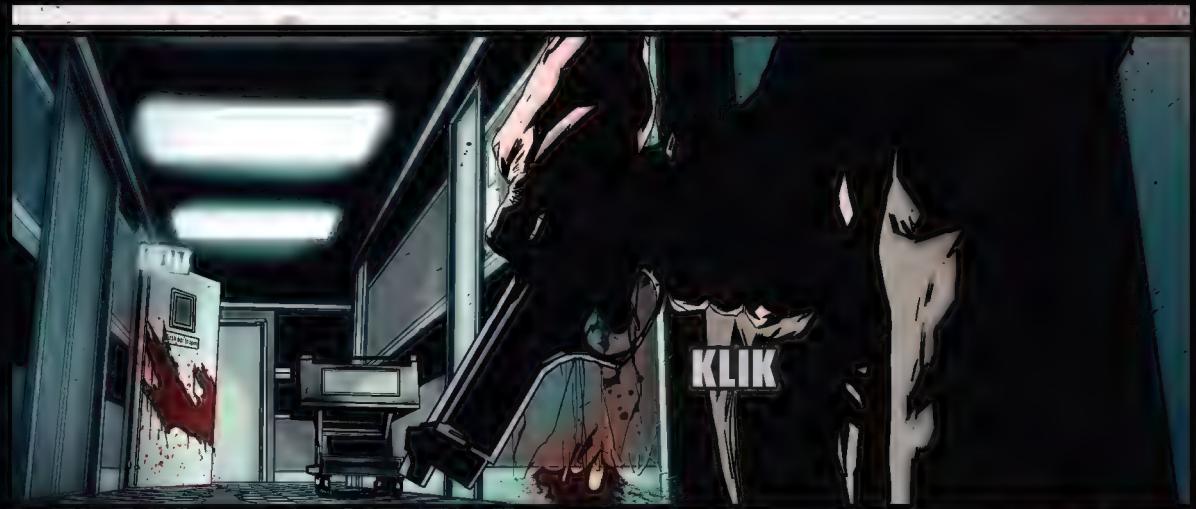
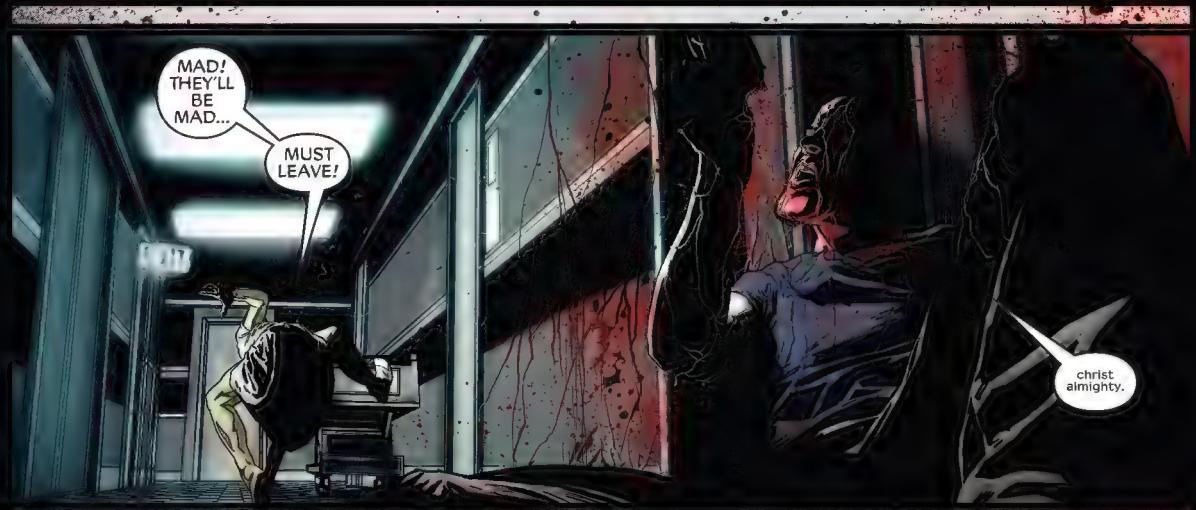














MA'AM?

THIS
IS DETECTIVE
CRAIG ROWAND!
I WORK FOR
THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT!

YOU'RE
SEVERELY
WOUNDED AND
NEED MEDICAL
ATTENTION!

SO, I
NEED YOU
TO LISTEN
TO ME.

STOP
RUNNING
AND COME
OUT WHERE I
CAN SEE YOU!
THERE'S NO
WAY OUT.

KRACK

FREEZE!

NOW...
SLOWLY STEP
DOWN FROM
THAT LEDGE. YOU
DON'T WANT
TO JUMP.

I'M
NOT HERE TO
HURT YOU. I
PROMISE.

YES, YOU
ARE. IT'S WHAT
YOU HUMANS DO
YOU HURT EACH
OTHER.

LOOK, LADY, I
KNOW YOU'RE CONFUSED,
BUT YOU NEED HELP. WE NEED
TO STOP YOUR BLEEDING. SO,
PLEASE--JUST STEP AWAY FROM
THE EDGE, AND WE CAN GO
DOWNSTAIRS AND FIND
A DOCTOR.

HE'S
GOING TO
REJECT YOU
TOO, JUST
LIKE HE DID
ME.

WHO
IS?
YOUR
SAVIOR.

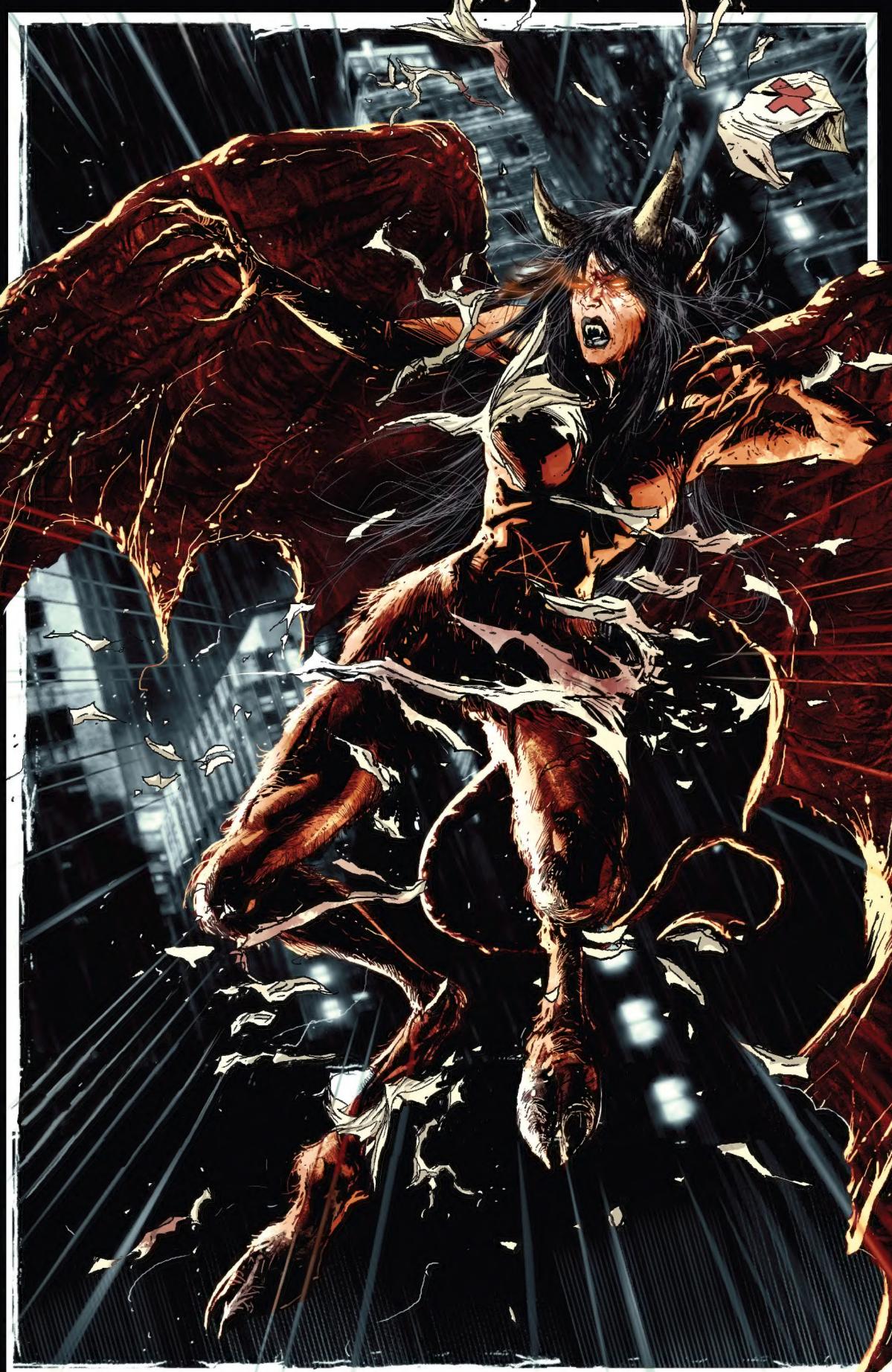
THE ONE
CLOAKED IN
RED. THE ONE
WITH THE
MASK.

*See HELLSPAWN issues 12 through 16--Todd.

I... I
NEED YOU TO
RELAX.

TAKE A
DEEP BREATH
AND COME
TOWARDS ME. NICE
AND SLOW. THIS
WILL ALL BE OVER
SOON.





WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME??

JUST KEEP WALKING.

SO WHAT'S YOUR DEAL? YOU GOING TO BECOME SOME 'SUPERSTAR' CELEBRITY BY DAY--THEN TURN INTO SOME FREAKISH VIGILANTE AT NIGHT? SORRY TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE, BUT SOMEONE'S ALREADY CREATED THAT HOLLYWOOD CHARACTER. HE'S CALLED BATMAN! EVER HEARD OF HIM?

YOU TALK TOO MUCH.

AND THANKS FOR THE CHAIN CUFFS. I'M FLATTERED, ACTUALLY. I CAN SEE HOW MY 145 POUND DEFENSELESS BODY MIGHT INTIMIDATE YOU.

I'D HATE TO THINK WHAT YOU'D HAVE DONE IF YOU CAME ACROSS MY PARTNER.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

EXCUSE ME?

I SAID WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MOST PEOPLE CALL ME TWITCH.

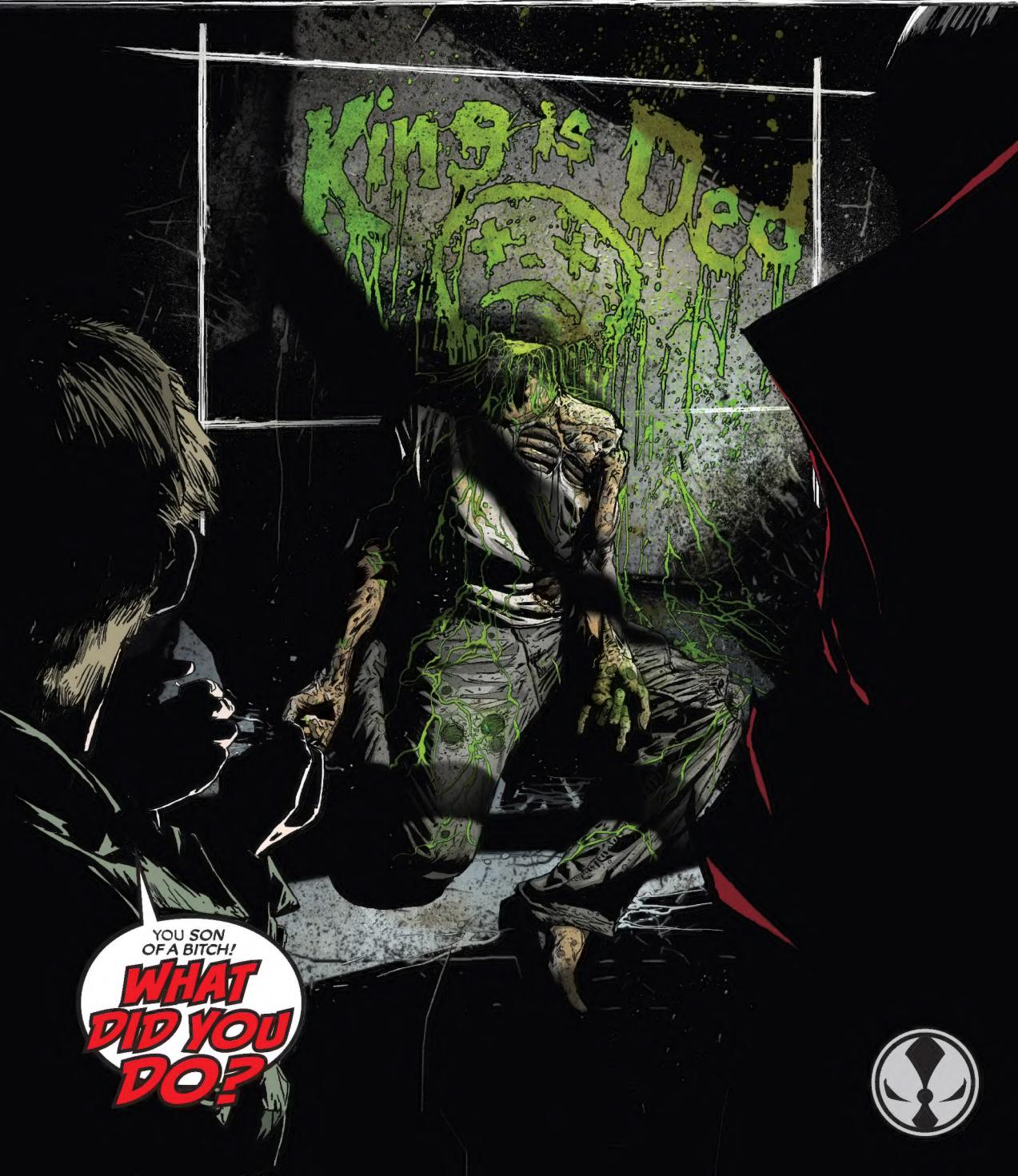
ALRIGHT, TWITCH, YOU SAID YOU WANTED ANSWERS. WELL SO DO I, BECAUSE IF YOU SAW ME ON TV YOU KNOW I CAN'T REMEMBER MY PAST--AND THAT'S REALLY BEGINNING TO PISS ME OFF!

BUT YOU SAID SOMETHING TONIGHT--SOMETHING I'M VERY CURIOUS ABOUT.

WHICH WAS?

AL SIMMONS.

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'D HEARD THOSE TWO NAMES PUT TOGETHER. SO WHAT I WANT TO KNOW...





EMPIRE